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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

GENEVA FOR CSCE DELEGATION

1. HIGHLIGHTS. PAPERS FRONTPAGE NIXON APPEALS TO KREISKY TO REVIEW ACTION ON JEWS, WASHPOST ADDS ANGRY KREISKY REJECTS APPEAL, REAFFIRMS STEP; ALSO HOUSE APPROVES 800 MILLION SUBSIDY TO CITIES FOR MASS TRANSIT. PAPERS ALSO FRONTPAGE PRESIDENT BACKS AGNEW'S REFUSAL TO RESIGN; JUDGE GRANTS AGNEW'S LAWYERS RIGHT TO SUBPOENAS IN THEIR INVESTIGATION OF NEWS LEAKS; SEGRETTI DESCRIBE CHAPIN AS BOSS OF DIRTY TRICKS. WASHPOST FRONTPAGES HOUSE-SENATE CONFEREES AGREE ON WAR POWERS COMPROMISE.

1A. INSIDE PAPERS HAVE MOSCOW STORIES ON SHULTZ TRIP; ALSO SOVIETS ORBIT 8 SATELLITES LAUNCHED FROM ONE ROCKET IN UNCLASSIFIED

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SEVENTH SHOTGUN LAUNCHING SINCE 1970, ACCORDING TASS. PAPERS ALSO REPORT NIXON IS BACKED ON TRADE POWERS BY WAYS AND MEANS; TREASURY ASKS CONGRESS TO REPEAL 1930 LAW WHICH BARS US TRAVELERS FROM BRINGING HOME ITEMS BEARING TRADE-

MARKS WHOSE OWNERS HAVE PROHIBITED IMPORTATION, SIMON SAY-
ING THIS IS CONSTANT SOURCE OF IRRITATION FOR TRAVELING

AMERICANS; ALSO US CAUTIONS EUROPEAN ENVOYS TO KEEP
CURRENT TALKS SECRET; TANAKA ENDS BRITISH VISIT, LEAVES
FOR BONN; SCHEEL DENIES BONN IS DIVIDED OVER DETENTE;
WALDEHIM TELLS AUSTRIA UN CANNOT TAKE OVER TRANSIT
FACILITIES THERE, SOVIET JEWS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR UN HIGH
COMMISSIONER'S PROTECTION; KISSINGER GIVES DINNER FOR UN
CHINESE AT HIS WALDORF SUITE; GALLUP POLL REPORTS ONLY 32
PERCENT APPROVE NIXON'S PERFORMANCE AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE,
ONE PERCENTAGE POINT ABOVE HIS LOW POINT RECORDED IN EARLY
AUGUST.

1B. WASHPOST BRIEF REPORTS SHAH IN CAIRO DENIES IRAN IS
PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE WITH AMERICAN AND ISRAELI
TROOPS IN MILITARY OPERATION TO ASSURE FLOW OF OIL TO
WEST; NYTIMES HEADS CAIRO STORY, SHAH URGING US NEUTRALITY
IN MIDEAST, TANNER REPORTING SHAH SAID DURING HIS RECENT
WASHINGTON VISIT HE URGED US TO ADOPT EVEN-HANDED POLICY
IN MIDEAST AND HE THOUGHT HE GOT RECEPTIVE EARS, ACCORDING
INTERVIEW PRINTED IN THREE EGYPTIANS PAPERS.

1C. WASHPOST REPORTS SENATE PASSED BILL EXTENDING
EMERGENCY FINANCING TO FEDERAL AGENCIES, AND WHICH ALSO
PROVIDES THAT INDEPENDENT SERVICE STATIONS CAN PASS
THROUGH TO THE PUBLIC THEIR INCREASED COSTS OF GASOLINE,
SAME AS STATIONED OWNED BY OIL COMPANIES. NYTIMES
BUSINESS SECTION REPORTS OIL ALLOCATION PROGRAM ANNOUNCED
TUESDAY APPEARS TO PLEASE ALMOST NO ONE, AS OIL
COMPANIES CONTEND PROGRAM WASN'T NEEDED AND ALLOCATION
ADVOCATES SEE PROGRAM AS TOO LITTLE TOO LATE. ARMY
SECRETARY CALLAWAY ANNOUNCES ARMY WILL DESTROY 500,000
GALLONS OF NERVE GAS STORED IN DENVER.

2. MOSCOW STORIES. NYTIMES, MOSCOW, SMITH REPORTS
SHULTZ WINDING UP THREE DAYS OF MEETINGS WITH SOVIET
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LEADERS SAID SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE COULD REACH ABOUT 1.5
BILLIONS THIS YEAR, PROBABLY ENOUGH TO MAKE THE US
MOSCOW'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER WITH THE WEST FOR THE
FIRST TIME. BUT SHULTZ GAVE INDICATIONS THAT SOVIET
LEADERSHIP HAD OFFERED NO NEW GESTURES ON THE EMIGRATION
ISSUE TO TRY TO SWAY CONGRESSIONAL OPINION IN FAVOR OF
GRANTING MOSCOW MFN TREATMENT. SHULTZ ALSO REPORTED SOME
PROGRESS IN PERSUADING SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE
MORE INFORMATION AFFECTING JOINT DEALS WITH US COMPANIES.
BUT HE LEFT IMPRESSION THAT US STILL WANTS MORE BASIC
INFORMATION AS IT CONSIDERS MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR CREDITS
SOUGHT BY MOSCOW FOR LONG-TERM NATURAL GAS PROJECTS IN
SIBERIA. SHULTZ MADE COMMENTS AT NEWS CONFERENCE

SHORTLY AFTER DENT FORMALLY OPENED LARGE NEW COMMERCIAL OFFICE OF US EMBASSY ON FIRST FLOOR MODERN OFFICE BUILDING NEAR EMBASSY. SOVIETS HAVE ALSO PRESSED FOR INCREASING 16-MAN TRADE REPRESENTATION IN US TO 40 BUT US REPORTEDLY ACCEDDED ONLY TO MODEST INCREASE TO MATCH NEW ADDITIONS TO US COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN MOSCOW. AS HE SNIPPED RIBBON OF NEW OFFICE, DENT SAID IT SYMBOLIZED "REMOVAL OF BARRIERS TO TRADE ON WHICH WE ARE ALL WORKING AND ARE SO DEDICATED" AN ALLUSION TO ADMINISTRATION PLEDGE TO END HIGH DISCRIMINATORY TARIFFS ON MOSCOW IMPORTS INTO US, ACCORDING SMITH. BUT SHULTZ LATER OFFERED LITTLE HOPE FOR BREAKING DEADLOCK IN CONGRESS. SHULTZ SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED SENTIMENT IN CONGRESS ON EMIGRATION ISSUE TO BREZHNEV AND KOSYGIN THOUGH HE HAD NOT BROUGHT UP LIST OF JEWISH APPLICANTS GIVEN TO SOVIET OFFICIALS LAST SPRING BY KISSINGER. WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD HEARD ANYTHING IN MOSCOW TO MAKE HIM MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, SHULTZ LEFT IMPRESSION HE FOUND MOSCOW STANDING FIRM, SAYING "I THINK QUESTION OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IS SOMETHING BASICALLY WE HAVE TO FACE AT HOME." HE PRAISED SOVIET APPROACH CITING RISE OF JEWISH EMIGRATION AND SUSPENSION OF HEAVY EMIGRATION TAXES. FORECASTING TRADE BILL WOULD NOT COME TO FINAL VOTE BEFORE FEBRUARY OR NEXT SPRING, SHULTZ AFFIRMED ADMINISTRATION PLEDGE TO WORK FOR PASSAGE OF MFN TREATMENT FOR MOSCOW. JOINT US-SOVIET STATEMENT REVIEWING THREE-DAY MEETING, IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION ON PROJECTS FOR DEVELOPING SIBERIAN NATURAL GAS, UNCLASSIFIED

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DISCLOSED TWO SIDES HAD DISCUSSED COOPERATION ON INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES REQUIRING CHEAP ELECTRICAL POWER. SHULTZ SAID THIS MEANT MINING AND REFINING RAW MATERIALS. SHULTZ INDICATED THERE HAD BEEN PROGRESS TOWARD LIFTING SECRECY BARRIER TO DISCLOSE MORE ECONOMIC INFORMATION FOR HIGH LEVEL DECISIONS.

2A. WASHPOST KAISER REPORTS SHULTZ HAS ENDED APPARENTLY INCONCLUSIVE VISIT TO MOSCOW. SOVIETS SIGNED MILD RESERVATIONS ABOUT SHULTZ VISIT IN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS MEETING MONDAY WITH BREZHNEV. ANNOUNCEMENT SAID MEETING CONDUCTED "IN BUSINESSLIKE ATMOSPHERE," WHILE OFFICIAL REPORT OF SHULTZ'S MEETING LAST MARCH SAID "MEETING PASSED IN SPIRIT MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND HAD BUSINESSLIKE CONSTRUCTIVE CHARACTER." DISTINCTION SMALL, SAYS KAISER, BUT FOR SOVIETS WHO ARE MASTERS AT SUCH HINTS, SIGNAL IS UNMISTAKABLE. PRIVATELY, SAYS KAISER, SOVIET OFFICIALS AND JOURNALISTS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN TELLING WESTERNERS THAT THEY RECOGNIZE POSSIBILITY CONGRESS WILL SLOW DOWN DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC TIES, ADDING THAT SUCH CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WOULD NOT CAUSE A RUPTURE IN ECONOMIC

RELATIONS. SHULTZ NOTED THAT TRADE WAS DEVELOPING RAPIDLY WITHOUT THE LOWER TARIFFS. ACCORDING KAISER, DENT USED RIBBON-CUTTING OCCASION, ATTENDED BY SEVERAL TOP SOVIET TRADE OFFICIALS, TO SAY THAT SUCCESS OF THE COMMERCIAL OFFICE WILL DEPEND ON COOPERATION THAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN RECEIVE FROM SOVIET OFFICIALS, KAISER ADDING THAT IN PAST LACK OF ACCESS TO OFFICIALS AND INFORMATION HAS BEEN FRUSTRATING.

3. EUROPE. NYTIMES WASHINGTON SPECIAL REPORTS STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID AMBASSADORS OF ALL NINE MEMBER NATIONS OF EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET HAD BEEN CALLED IN MONDAY TUESDAY TO BE CAUTIONED TO MAINTAIN SECRECY CONCERNING CURRENT US-WEST EUROPEAN NEGOTIATIONS. ENVOYS WERE INFORMED ABOUT CURRENT STAGE OF TALKS BETWEEN EEC AND US ON EFFORTS TO IMPROVE TRANS-ATLANTIC RELATIONS AND WERE SPECIFICALLY ADMONISHED TO KEEP QUIET ABOUT IT. CALLS WERE PROMPTED, ACCORDING EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS AND HIGH US OFFICIAL, BY WASHINGTON DISPATCH IN NYTIMES ON SUNDAY UNCLASSIFIED

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REVIEWING KISSINGER'S CONTACTS WITH WEST EUROPEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, DISPATCH SAYING KISSINGER TAKING MUCH HARDER LINE IN DISCUSSIONS THAN PUBLIC STATEMENTS INDICATED. WASHINGTON ENVOYS ADVISED BY STOESSEL THAT NIXON ADMINISTRATION TOOK CHILLY VIEW OF EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS TELLING PRESS WHAT KISSINGER SAID TO THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS AND HOW THEY FELT ABOUT HIM. EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS WHO HAD ATTENDED ONE OF SESSIONS WITH STOESSEL SAID STATE OFFICIALS ALSO EXPRESSING "RESIDUAL RAGE" OVER PUBLICATION IN NYTIMES ON SEPTEMBER 24 OF 22 POINT TEXT OF DRAFT PROPOSAL OF COMMON MARKET FOR REDEFINING RELATIONS WITH US.

4. TRADE. NYTIMES REUTER WASHINGTON REPORTS NIXON WON KEY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF BILL GIVING HIM SWEEPING NEW POWERS BUT FAILED IN ATTEMPT TO WIN MFN FOR SOVIET UNION, COMMITTEE APPROVING BILL BY VOTE OF 20 TO 5. WILLIAM PEARCE SAID ADMINISTRATION IS SATISFIED WITH GENERAL NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY IN THE BILL. WASHPOST BERGER REPORTS BILL CAREFULLY CIRCUMSCRIBES PRESIDENTIAL DISCRETION AND DENIES MFN TO RUSSIA, BUT PEARCE CALLED IT AN ABSOLUTELY FIRST-RATE PIECE OF LEGISLATION. ROBERT MCNEILL OF EMERGENCY COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN TRADE CALLED IT A GOOD BILL; AFL-CIO REPRESENTATIVE CALLED IT WORSE THAN NO BILL AT ALL. FIVE DEMOCRATS VOTED NO: BURKE ROSTENKOWSKI VANIK CAREY GREEN.

5. WAR POWERS. WASHPOST RICH REPORTS HOUSE-SENATE

CONFEREES, DEFYING PRESIDENTIAL VETO THREATS, REACHED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON WAR POWER BILL FORBIDDING THE PRESIDENT TO WAGE UNDECLARED WAR FOR MORE THAN 60 DAYS

WITHOUT CONSENT OF CONGRESS. RICH SAYS SPONSORS IN BOTH CHAMBERS SAID THE MEASURE WOULD GIVE THE PRESIDENT EVERY RIGHT TO TAKE EMERGENCY ACTION BUT WOULD PREVENT HIM FROM CARRYING ON PROLONGED UNDECLARED WARS; SENATE MINORITY WHIP GRIFFIN WARNED ON SENATE FLOOR THAT PRESIDENT WOULD VETO BILL AS AN INCURSION ON HIS POWERS AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. RUSH

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